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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

1. QUITO MAYOR SIXTO DURAN BALLEEN CALLED CHARGE THIS MORNING TO REQUEST US ASSISTANCE IN MAKING AVAILABLE A RESPIRATOR TO HELP SAVE THE LIFE OF RENE PAZMINO, AN INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANT BASED IN WASHINGTON WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB).

2. BRIEFLY, PAZMINO AND HIS WIFE WERE DRIVING FROM QUITO TO GUAYAQUIL LAST SUNDAY (JANUARY 12TH). THEIR CAR WAS HIT BY A TRAIN; MRS. PAZMINO WAS KILLED. DR. PAZMINO IS IN THE HOSPITAL IN GUAYAQUIL WITH BOTH ARMS BROKEN, BOTH LEGS BROKEN, ONE HIP BROKEN, AND 13 BROKEN RIBS. HE IS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY BREATHING (SIC) AND HIS DOCTOR, ROBERTO GILBERT, HAS BEEN TRYING TO FIND A BENNETT MA-1 RESPIRATOR OR SOMETHING EQUIVALENT TO IT. THERE ARE NONE AVAILABLE LOCALLY, AND MAYOR DURAN HAS ASKED THE CHARGE TO SEE WHETHER ONE COULD BE BORROWED FROM US MILITARY FACILITIES IN PANAMA. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED SAME BY TELEPHONE DIRECTLY TO CINCSOUTH.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IF SUCH A RESPIRATOR CAN BE LOANED, HOWEVER, WE NEED TO PIN DOWN FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS. CAN DEPARTMENT (ARA/EC?) CALL THE IDB AND OBTAIN FROM THEM ASSURANCES THAT THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE RESPIRATOR FROM PANAMA TO GUAYAQUIL AND

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TATION OF THE RESPIRATOR FROM PANAMA TO GUAYAQUIL AND

ITS RETURN WILL BE COVERED BY THE BANK? PLEASE ADVISE.
WE ARE WILLING TO DO OUR BEST TO HELP ON HUMANITARIAN
GROUNDS, BUT NEITHER WE NOR CINCSOUTH ARE IN A POSITION
TO ABSORB THE COSTS OF FLYING THE EQUIPMENT BACK AND
FORTH.
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